

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

(Filed: February 6, 2007)

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RALPH and HELENE HARO,)	
as legal representatives of their minor child,)	
BAILEY NICOLE HARO,)	
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Petitioners,)	
)	
v.)	No. 06-0513V
)	Attorneys' Fees; Attorneys' Costs
SECRETARY OF)	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
)	

DECISION ON ATTORNEYS' FEES AND ATTORNEYS' COSTS¹

Petitioners, Ralph Haro and Helene Haro (Mr. Haro and Mrs. Haro or the Haros), seek an award of \$18,120.39 in attorneys' fees and attorneys' costs for an action that they pursued successfully under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (Program).² *See* Joint Status Report (JSR), filed February 2, 2007. The Haros represent that they did not incur any personal expenses as defined by General Order No. 9. *See* JSR. Respondent does not object. *See* JSR.

¹ As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, "the entire decision" will be available to the public. *Id.*

² The statutory provisions governing the Vaccine Program are found in 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-10 *et seq.* For convenience, further reference will be to the relevant section of 42 U.S.C.

The Act mandates the award of “reasonable attorneys’ fees” and “other costs” because the Haros received Program compensation. § 300aa-15(e)(1). The special master has considered carefully the Haros’ request. The special master determines that the Haros’ request is appropriate.

In the absence of a motion for review filed under RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of court shall enter judgment in the Haros’ favor for \$18,120.39. The judgment shall provide that the Haros’ attorney of record, Alex Alvarez, Esq. (Mr. Alvarez), may collect \$18,120.39 from the Haros. Under Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.

The clerk of court shall send the Haros’ copy of this decision to the Haros by overnight express delivery.

John F. Edwards
Special Master